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1. An internal and external crisis is developing as to the leadership in the People's Party. The effects of the ouster of Dr. Helena Kozeluhova a year ago are still being felt. There is increasing sentiment favoring her husband, Minister Dr. Adolf Prochazka, for chairman of the party. Monsignor Srámek, head of the party, however has sought for a long time to get Prochazka appointed as delegate to the United Nations. Jan Masaryk, however, has steadfastly refused to remove Minister Dr. Jan Pápanek from this post, insisting that he is bound by personal promise to keep him. Therefore, it is doubtful now if Dr. Prochazka would accept even a top United Nations position.
2. The National Socialists and the Social Democrats are increasingly critical of the participation of the People's Party in the National Front Government which they deem ineffectual. Monsignor Srámek rarely appears in cabinet meetings. Only very recently he has called again on the President, whom he had not seen for a year. Minister Hála has frequently abstained from voting during the recent critical cabinet discussions, e.g., his stand in the revision of the banking law has brought forth denunciations from his non-Communist cabinet colleagues.

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